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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6677

BILL NUMBER: SB 201

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 28, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Alternate Polling Places.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Miller

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill requires each county election board and county board of elections and registration to establish at least one alternate polling place at a central location in the jurisdiction in which an election will be held for use in the event that voters are unable to vote in their assigned polling place because the polls do not open within one hour after the time required.

The bill requires that at least one alternate polling place be established at a central location in each township included in the jurisdiction in which the election will be held, if the jurisdiction has at least 25,000 active voters. The bill requires that an alternate polling place be located in an accessible facility and operated under the requirements for precincts and polls. The bill provides that votes cast at an alternate polling place shall be counted and reported in the same manner as if the votes had been cast at the polls that did not open.

Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary:* The establishment of alternate polling places would require additional county expenditures of an unknown amount. The amount of expenditure would depend on the number of additional polling places established as a result of the bill.

Background: Expenses to run a polling place include precinct election board per diem, rental of a facility for

polling (if necessary), and/or voting equipment (if necessary.) Based on a small sample of Indiana counties, per diem for election board members range from \$65 to \$150 for inspectors and from \$40 to \$100 for judges, clerks, and sheriffs. Counties could face additional cost if one or more voting machines are rented in order to cover a municipal election. A precinct typically has the following election officers:

Type of Officer	Number
Inspector	1
Judge	2
Poll Clerk	2
Sheriff	2
Asst. Poll Clerk	2 (Optional)

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Counties.

Information Sources: LSA survey for precinct election officer per diem.

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